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10 July 1954

and
The Honorable Walter B. Smith
The Under Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bedell:

I have noted your memorandum of 7 July 1954, sending me a copy of the President's note to you of 25 February 1954, regarding the importance of the work of the OCB and the necessity for constant attendance at its meetings.

As you know, I consider the weekly OCB meetings as a must and do not permit any other engagements to be made to interfere with my attendance.

I expect to be away for a few weeks in August and early September and in my absence General Cabell will represent the Agency.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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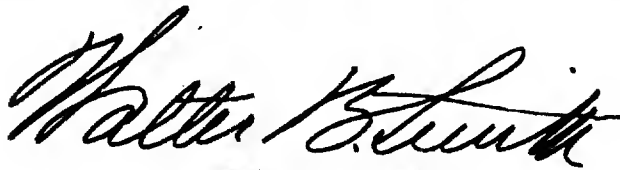
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July 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Harold E. Stassen,
Director, Foreign Operations Administration
The Honorable Robert B. Anderson,
Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Allen W. Dulles, ✓
Director of Central Intelligence

Since there have been various changes in the membership of the Operations Coordinating Board, I feel that I should bring to your individual attention the attached letter from the President, dated February 25, in order that the membership may be aware of the importance which President Eisenhower attaches to the functions and operations of the Board.

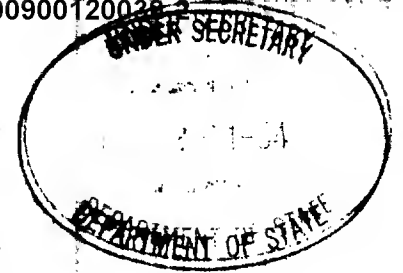


Walter B. Smith
Chairman,
Operations Coordinating Board

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



February 25, 1954

Dear Bedell:

Over the past months I have been increasingly impressed with the volume and the importance of the assignments turned over to the Operations Coordinating Board by the National Security Council.

This means that the responsibility on the OCB Members is virtually as great as that assumed by the NSC Members.

As you know, I have personally been scrupulous in my attendance at NSC meetings, and have insisted that only the most urgently important reasons should prevent NSC Members from attending weekly meetings.

I am sure that as Chairman of OCB, you share this feeling with respect to attendance at OCB meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "W. Bedell Smith".

The Honorable W. Bedell Smith
Under Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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